

**Introduced by Senator Wolk
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Senate Concurrent Resolution No. 82—Relative to Neurofibromatosis Awareness Month.

LEGISLATIVE COUNSEL'S DIGEST

SCR 82, as introduced, Wolk. Neurofibromatosis Awareness Month.

This measure would proclaim the month of May 2010, as Neurofibromatosis Awareness Month, to increase public awareness of neurofibromatosis and bring hope to patients and their families.

Fiscal committee: no.

1 WHEREAS, Neurofibromatosis (NF) is a debilitating genetic
2 disorder of the nervous system that affects over 10,000
3 Californians; and
4 WHEREAS, NF causes tumors to grow throughout the body.
5 Those suffering from NF may experience anything from mild
6 symptoms, to severe symptoms leading to death; and
7 WHEREAS, Research has directly linked NF to disorders
8 including cancer, brain tumors, memory loss, learning disabilities,
9 heart disease, blindness, deafness, and orthopedic problems; and
10 WHEREAS, Increased public knowledge of NF may bring hope
11 to NF patients and families, and support essential research; and
12 WHEREAS, Since the discovery of the genes causing NF in the
13 1990s, researchers have made progress in understanding NF and
14 creating drugs to combat it; and
15 WHEREAS, May is National Neurofibromatosis Awareness
16 Month; now, therefore, be it

1 *Resolved by the Senate of the State of California, the Assembly*
2 *thereof concurring*, That the Legislature hereby proclaims the
3 month of May 2010, as Neurofibromatosis Awareness Month, to
4 increase public awareness of neurofibromatosis and bring hope to
5 patients and their families; and be it further
6 *Resolved*, That the Secretary of the Senate transmit copies of
7 this resolution to the author for appropriate distribution.

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